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PANCHESHWAR POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pancheshwar Power Project was formulated many years back with the collaboration of Nepal to generate 5000 megawatt of power;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for such a long pendency; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government in commissioning of this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : India and Nepal have agreed, under the 1996 Mahakali Treaty, to jointly develop the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project (5600 MW) on the Mahakali river, where it forms the border between the two countries. Field investigations have been completed. To finalize the Detailed Project Report (DPR), there are some outstanding issues which are yet to be resolved between India and Nepal. These issues are -

(i) Assessment of water availability downstream of Pancheshwar Dam

(ii) Evaluation of re-regulating dam site (Purnagiri or Rupaligad)

(iii) Project benefits

(iv) Evaluation of power installation and phased development

(v) Cost apportionment.

These issues were discussed in the 20th meeting of the Joint Group of Expert (JGE) of India & Nepal held in October, 2004, wherein it was decided to form a small Joint Group under the Chief Engineers concerned to look into all these issues.The Group held its first meeting from 20-21 December, 2004 at Kathmandu. Further discussions have not taken place with Nepal.